

Senate Joint Resolution 8

S-3170

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 8 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the resolving
3 clause and inserting:

4 <That the Congress of the United States is hereby
5 petitioned to propose an amendment to the Constitution
6 of the United States, for submission to the states
7 for ratification, to impose fiscal restraints on the
8 federal government and limit the federal government's
9 power and jurisdiction; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Article V
11 of the Constitution of the United States, the General
12 Assembly, as the legislature of the state of Iowa,
13 joins in the applications of the states of Georgia (SR
14 736, 2014), Florida (SM 476, 2014), Alaska (HJR 22,
15 2014), Alabama (HJR 112, 2015), Tennessee (SJR 67,
16 2016), Indiana (SJR 14, 2016), Oklahoma (SJR 4, 2016),
17 and Louisiana (SCR 52, 2016), for a convention for the
18 specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments
19 to the Constitution of the United States limited to the
20 purposes stated therein, provided, however, that the
21 delegates from Iowa to said convention are expressly
22 limited to consideration and support of amendments that
23 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, and
24 amendments that limit the power and jurisdiction of
25 the federal government, and no amendments on any other
26 topic; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the express
28 intention of the General Assembly that this application
29 shall be aggregated with the prior and subsequent
30 applications of other states limited to the purposes
31 identified in this application; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application
33 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
34 Article V of the Constitution of the United States
35 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the

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1 several states have made applications for a similar
2 convention under Article V, or the General Assembly
3 resolves to withdraw this application; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
5 shall transmit certified copies of this resolution
6 to the President and Secretary of the United States
7 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States
8 House of Representatives, the presiding officer of each
9 house of the legislature of each of the several states,
10 and to each member of Iowa's congressional delegation.>

11 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 23 and
12 inserting:

13 <A Joint Resolution calling for an Article V convention
14 in order to propose amendments to the Constitution
15 of the United States that impose fiscal restraints,
16 and limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
17 government, and requesting Congress to similarly
18 propose such amendments.

19 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of
20 the United States empowered state legislators to be
21 guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by
22 the federal government; and

23 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a
24 crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
25 spending; and

26 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the
27 legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative
28 process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded
29 to a great extent; and

30 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live
31 under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of
32 the United States; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to
34 protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the
35 generations to come, by proposing amendments to the

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1 Constitution of the United States through a convention
2 of the states under Article V of the Constitution of
3 the United States for the purpose of restraining these
4 and related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
6 IOWA:>

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